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Customer No. :

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For

Sample Preconcentration Tubes with Sol-Gel Surface Coatings and/or

Sol-Gel Monolithic Beds

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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

- 1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of three months to 01/21/2004.
- 2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

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- Applicant is a small entity.
- Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:

Fee for small entity:

three months

\$740.00

Fee \$740.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request

\$ 740.00

5. Extended period for response three months.

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on January 21, 2004.

6. Fee Payment

Attached is Credit Card Form PTO-2038 in the sum of \$ 740.00

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